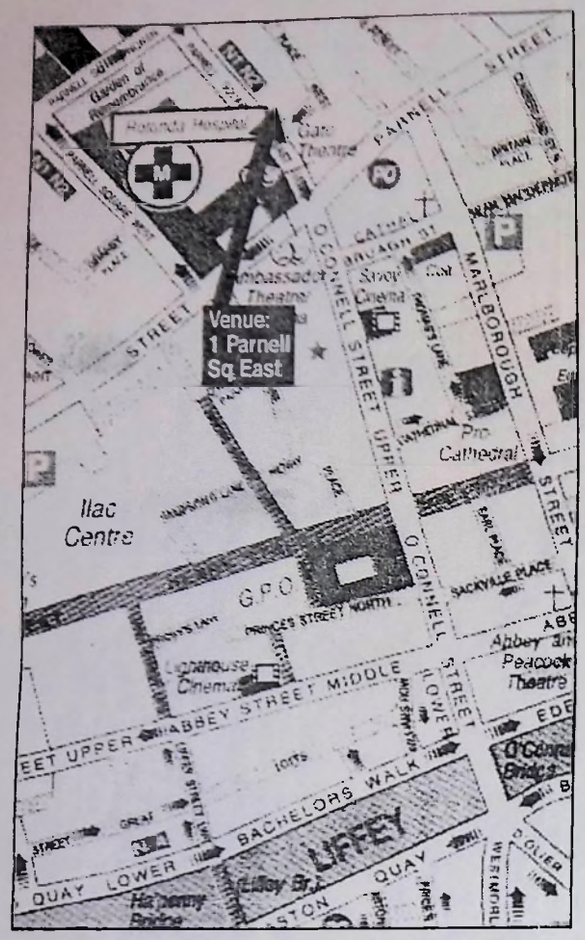

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The price of the weekend is £8.00 (£5.00 unwaged). This includes entrance to a Saturday night social—details to be announced.

Free accommodation can be arranged by us for those travelling from outside Dublin. This is in the homes of Dublin SWP members—bring a sleeping bag please.

If you need to use the professionally run free creche please ensure you book your place(s) well in advance and in any case by November 1st.

Bookmarx bookstall

Throughout the weekend a Bookmarx bookstall will operate with a huge stock of socialist books. If a particular meeting has interested you and you want further reading, the bookstall will be able to offer advice.

Booking form (Please print in block letters)

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Union (if a student please state your college) .....

Do you want us to arrange free accommodation for you? ❑ YES ❑ NO

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I enclose the sum of £_____(cheques/POs payable to SWP)

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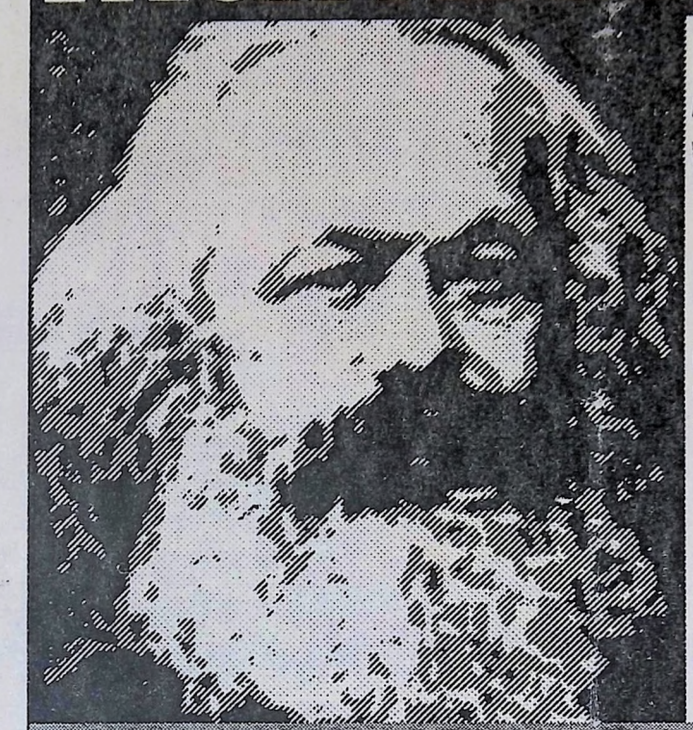

A weekend of socialist ideas and meetings

A world in crisis

Full Programme

Friday 13th-Sunday 15th November,
1 Parnell Square, Dublin 1

Organised by the Socialist Workers Party

Chaos and greed dominate the world today. The Asian Tigers which were once hailed as the success stories of capitalism are virtually bankrupt.

Despite the promises to remedy the defects of the old Stalinist system, the market has brought even more misery to Russia. A global recession is looming that will bring job losses and wage cuts for millions.

For the moment, Ireland seems to be an exception. But the "Celtic Tiger' boom has brought more inequality than ever before.

The results of this untrammelled greed are visible everywhere. The public transport system has been run down; the unemployed are hounded off welfare, while rich tax dodgers walk off scott free; thousands cannot find decent accommodation.

And many are already asking: when will the boom turn to bust?

No wonder many writers have talked about 'the return of Marx'. His writings predicted the instability of capitalism and offered a real alternative based on workers control and planning of production.

As the workers movement revives across the world, radical ideas are again becoming popular. Marxism '98 offers an important forum for alternative politics.

With over 30 meetings and debates, you are guaranteed straight, jargon free discussion. Full creche facilities are available and free accommodation is organised for those from outside Dublin.

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Friday

	6.30-7.45	8.00-9.30
Room A	**Fascism today: How to fight it** *Grace Lally*	**GLOBAL RECESSION: WILL THERE BE A 1930'S STYLE SLUMP?** *Kieran Allen, Eamonn McCann and Pat Stack*
Room B	**Freud** *Simon Basketter*	**From Che to the Zapatistas** *Denis Redfern*

Saturday

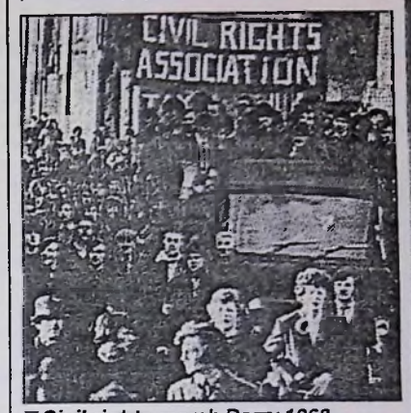
	10.00-11.15	11.45-1.00	2.00-3.15	3.45-5.00	7.00-8.30
Room A	**1919-1921-Revolution in Ireland** *Conor Kostick*	**American Imperialism and Islamic fundamentalism** *Richard Boyd Barrett*	**Dialectics and the philosophy of revolution** *Alex Callinicos*	**From Paris to Derry—the revolt of 1968** *Eamonn McCann*	**Do all revolutions end in tyranny?** *Pat Stack*
Room B	**Darwin's dangerous ideas** *Rob Jennings*	**Class struggle and gay liberation** *Goretti Horgan*	**Ruling class ideology and working class consciousness** *Donal Mac Fhearraigh*	**Genetics, freedom and determinism** *Mark Walshe*	**Is religion the opium of the masses?** *Dave Lorden*
Room C	**Who are the Irish ruling class?** *Joe Carolan*	**Protestant workers and the crisis of the Orange Order** *Niall Morton*	**State capitalism—the international socialist tradition** *Kieran Allen*	**Trotsky's theory of permanent revolution** *Kevin Wingfield*	**The Marxist theory of history** *Brian Manning*

Sunday

	10.30-11.45	12.00-1.15	2.15-3.30	3.45-5.00	5.30-6.30
Room A	**Has feminism failed to liberate women?** *Marnie Holborow*	**DEBATE: Should workers support partnership?** *Paul Sweeney and Owen Mc Cormack*	**Can socialist planning work?** *Alex Callinicos*	**From Michael Collins to Gerry Adams—Are republicans joining the establishment?** *Colm Bryce*	**Final Rally: *THE FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM NOW*** *Kieran Allen, Anna Hudson and Pat Stack*
Room B	**Brecht, Lukacs and the debate on modernism** *Sinead Kennedy*	**Eighty years on—Rosa Luxemburg and the German revolution** *Melisa Halpin*	**Larkin, Connolly and the limits of syndicalism** *Dave McDonagh*	**The Marxist theory of alienation** *Brid Smith*	
Room C	**The politics of drugs** *Mary Smith and Mike Scully*	**Africa, tribalism and the working class** *Colm O Riain*	**1974: Revolution and counter revolution in Portugal** *Shay Killalea*	**The Holocaust: A Marxist analysis** *Willie Cumming*	
Room D		**The fight against racism today** *Davey Carlin and Shay Ryan*	**Marxism, Sartre and existentialism** *Marnie Holborow*	**The politics of the SWP** *Richard Boyd Barrett*	

Highlights

While the Gardaí receive 15% pay rise for catching "blue 'flu" the rest of us have our wages curtailed under Partnership 2000. Paul Sweeney author of the book *Celtic Tiger* and Research Officer with SIPTU debates with Owen McCormack of the Busworkers Action Group "Should workers support partnership"(Sunday 12.00).



Civil rights march Derry 1968

In 1968 French workers staged the biggest general strike in history and in Derry barricades went up to demand an end to discrimination. Eamonn McCann talks on "From Paris to Derry—The Revolt of 1968" (Saturday, 3.45). Eamonn, who was a key activist in the civil rights movement in 1968, is publishing a book on the period in the next few weeks.

The Belfast Agreement and the creation of the Northern Assembly have posed new questions for socialist strategy. Niall Morton speaks on "Protestant workers and the crisis of the Orange Order" (Saturday 11.45) and Colm Bryce discusses "From Michael Collins to Gerry Adams—Are republicans joining the establishment?"(Sunday 3.45)

Sexual politics in the nineties are addressed by Goretti Horgan's "Class struggle and gay liberation"(Saturday 11.45) and Marnie Holborow's "Has feminism failed to liberate women?" (Sunday 10.30)

Two meetings on philosophy include Alex Callinicos, author and leading member of the SWP in Britain speaking on "Dialectics and the philosophy of revolution" (Saturday 2.00pm) and "Marxism, Sartre and existentialism" (Sunday 2.15) with Marnie Holborow.

This is only a selection, there are over thirty meetings throughout the weekend.